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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Specification

1. The specification is objected to because of the following:

A) The following recited phrases are unclear, awkwardly worded, and/or grammatically incorrect:

Note: The specification is considered replete with instances of awkward and sometimes unclear wording. Therefore, the Examiner cannot guarantee the following is a comprehensive listing of all awkward and unclear wording. Applicant is advised to review the specification for awkward and unclear wording.

1) To be grammatically correct, it is believed that the word "effectiveness" recited on line 9 of page 1 should instead be "effective".

2) It is believed that the word "skater" on line 10 of page 1 should instead be "skate".

3) The recitation of "a front and as rear sections" on line 10 of page 1 is grammatically incorrect.

4) It is believed that the word "skaters" on line 12 of page 1 should instead be "skates".

5) The recitation of "prompt distance" on line 1 of page 5 is considered awkward and somewhat unclear.

6) It is believed wording would be improved if the word "from" were deleted from line 3 of page 5.

7) To be grammatically correct, it is believed that the word "relative" recited on line 5 of page 5 should instead be "relatively".

8) The last line of page 5 is considered to be awkwardly worded.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to set forth the subject matter which applicant regards as his invention.

A) Claim 1 recites "...said wheel frame comprising a pair of side boards...said side boards of said wheel frame..." on line 4 of page 1 of claim 1 and lines 2 and 3 of page 2 of claim 1.

The term "side board" has been associated with reference number 31 on page 3 of the specification. Figures 1 and 5, however, show the side boards, reference number 31 being associated with the vamp, reference number 3 and not the wheel frame, reference number 1. Accordingly, it is considered what structure is being referred to in the above claim 1 recitation.

B) Claim 1, lines 14 and 15 recites "...a guiding hole...". It is considered unclear what portion of the vamp comprises the "guiding hole" since this term does not correspond to nomenclature used in the specification, particularly nomenclature associated with a reference number and related to structure on the drawing figures.

Note that Section 608.01 (o) and 2173.05(a) of the MPEP requires that nomenclature used in the claims be apparent from the specification, unless it is apparent from the prior art.

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Note that Section 608.01(g) of the MPEP also recites "The description is a dictionary for the claims and should provide clear antecedent basis for all terms used in the claims".

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

5. Claims 2-4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Bryan Fischmann whose telephone number is (571) 272-6694. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5:00.

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Ellis, can be reached on (571) 272-6914. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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